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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: (A) STATE 178394, (B) CAIRO 9756

1. MINSTATE MUHAMMED RIAD ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM
1500 LOCAL THIS AFTERNOON. HE HAD A MESSAGE FROM FAHMY
CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING TWO PARTS.

2. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MESSAGE YOU HAD REQUESTED BE CONVEYED TO
THE PLO IN BEIRUT (REFTEL A) HAS BEEN SENT TO ABU IYAD,
THROUGH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR METWALLI, REQUESTING THE
PLO LEADER TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO ASSURE THAT
THE CONVOY CAN TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED.

3. FAHMY STILL BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT A SEA EVACUATION
IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE JUNE EVACUATION IS PREFERABLE
OR, ALTERNATIVELY, AN EVACUATION VIA THE BEIRUT AIRPORT,
PROVIDED THE ARAB LEAGUE FORCES CAN PROTECT THE AIRPORT.
SHOULD THE LATTER BE DECIDED UPON, FAHMY RECOMMENDS THAT
WE GET IN TOUCH WITH FRANGIE, SINCE THE LATTER IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS ON THE AIRPORT.

4. SUGGEST THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED TO BEIRUT.

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